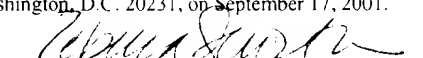




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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated March 15, 2001, for which a response was due on June 15, 2001. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a 3-month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response from June 15, 2001 to September 17, 2001 (as September 15, 2001 falls on a Saturday). Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Applicants have given careful consideration to the issues raised in the outstanding Office Action, and present the following Amendments and Remarks in response. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended in light of the remarks presented herein, is respectfully requested.